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MANAGUA FOR AMBASSADOR EBERLE

SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

1. ACTING SECRETARY RUSH CALLED IN GERMAN CHARGE NOEBEL
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, TO INFORM HIM OF OUR LATEST VIEWS ON
STATUS ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE GERMANS
TO TAKE LEADING ROLE IN NARROWING THE REMAINING GAP.
AMBASSADOR MALMGREN OF STR ATTENDED.

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2. ACTING SECRETARY REFERRED TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN SCHEEL AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WHICH ENCOURAGED US TO HOPE THAT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED DURING EC PERM REPS CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT US HAS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED ITS INITIAL REQUEST LIST AND WE ARE AT THE POINT WHERE POLITICAL WILL ON THE EC SIDE IS ESSENTIAL FOR A SETTLEMENT. HE WAS PERSONALLY SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT THE GERMAN PERM REP WAS SUPPORTING THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE IT CLEAR HERE AND IN BONN THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FELL SHORT OF WHAT WE COULD ACCEPT OR LIVE WITH. THIS LEAVES THE BRITISH ALONE IN URGING THAT THE PERM REPS MAKE THE MODEST IMPROVEMENT NEEDED FOR A SETTLEMENT. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT WITHOUT GERMAN LEADERSHIP IN THE PERM REPS MEETINGS THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD REACH AN IMPASSE WHICH WOULD BE TRAGIC AFTER

HAVING COME SO CLOSE. HE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED GERMAN SUPPORT TO SEE THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

3. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN ON LEAVING STRESSED TO NOEBEL THAT WHILE THERE WERE SMALL DIFFERENCES IN OTHER AREAS (FYI E.G. KRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS END FYI) KEY REMAINING ISSUE WAS TOBACCO. THE ITALIANS HAD MOVED ON CITRUS AND WE WERE NOW CONSULTING WITH THEM ON A MEANS FOR RESOLVING THE TOBACCO ISSUE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND US. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE PERM REPS NOT CLOSE OUT THESE POSSIBILITIES BY GETTING FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS. IT WAS HERE THAT THE GERMANS COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THEIR POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PERM REPS.
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